

AN ORDINANCE

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER
162, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 223 AND 227,
162-223 and 162-227, SO AS TO INCREASE
CERTAIN FEES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, wrecker and towing services provide a necessary service to the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the provision of safe wrecker and towing services, as well as the provision of secure and safe storage for impounded vehicles, furthers the health, safety and welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing safe wrecker and towing services and providing a secure and safe storage area for impounded vehicles has increased since the date that the maximum \$5.00 per day storage fee was enacted by the Atlanta City Council and Mayor and imposed upon impound lots; and

WHEREAS, Section 162-277 of the Atlanta Code of Ordinances anticipates that costs for removal of vehicles and the cost to store vehicles might vary over time and specifically provides that certain towing and storage fees for vehicles should be established annually:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Atlanta City Council as follows:

Section 1. That Section 162-223(d)(4)(a) which reads as follows:

- a. Such vehicles may be removed at a maximum cost of \$75.00 and stored at a maximum cost of \$5.00 per day to be paid by the owner;

be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

- a. Such vehicles may be removed at a maximum cost of \$90.00 and stored at a maximum cost of \$10.00 after the first six hours; \$15.00 per day after the first twenty-four (24) hours; and \$25.00 per day after the first three days, all of which to be paid by the owner.

Section 2. That Section 162-227(a) which reads as follows:

- a. Any towing and storage firm engaged in the business of trespass towing shall not charge the owner of any towed vehicle or personal property in excess of \$75.00 for the removal of the vehicle or personal property or in excess of \$5.00 per day for storage fee; however no storage fees shall be charged for the first 24-hour period from the time the vehicle or personal property is removed from the property. The fee of \$75.00 shall be all inclusive; no additional fees may be charged for using dollies, trailers, lifts, slim jims or any other equipment or service. However, the maximum fees in this section shall not apply to the trespass towing of vehicles which weigh in excess of two tons.

be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

- a. Any towing and storage firm engaged in the business of trespass towing shall not charge the owner of any towed vehicle or personal property in excess of \$90.00 for the removal of the vehicle or personal property or in excess of \$10.00 after the first six (6) hours; \$15.00 per day after the first twenty-four (24) hours; and \$25.00 per day after the first three days from the time the vehicle or personal property is removed from the property. The fee of \$90.00 shall be all inclusive; no additional fees may be charged for using dollies, trailers, lifts, slim jims or any other equipment or service. However, the maximum fees in this section shall not apply to the trespass towing of vehicles which weigh in excess of two tons.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. In the event that any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall in no manner affect other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase so declared invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part thereof.